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REMARKS

The Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed April 7, 2006, and have the following comments.

Interview

Applicant's representative gratefully acknowledges Examiner Webman's courtesy in grating a telephonic interview, conducted on May 2, 2006. During the interview, Examiner Webman and the undersigned discussed Applicant's intention to file a divisional reissue application directed to the subject matter of the unelected restriction group, and discussed that in such event the Examiner and Applicant would anticipate that further action in this application would be suspended pending resolution of the divisional application, in accordance with MPEP § 1450 (Rev. 3, August 2005).

Applicants have filed a divisional reissue application on even date in which a preliminary amendment has been made adding the presently withdrawn claims 20-51 and canceling claims 1-19; thus, Applicants request that action in the present application be suspended as set forth above.

Reissue Declaration

The Examiner has found the Reissue Declaration defective for allegedly failing to identify at least one error which is relied on to support the reissue application.

Applicants intend to prosecute claims corresponding to

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presently withdrawn claims 20-51 in the related divisional reissue patent application; during the prosecution of this application an amendment of the claims may require a Supplemental Reissue Oath or Declaration. After telephone discussion with Special Program Examiner William Dixon, Jr., Applicants propose to prosecute the divisional application and postpone filing a new Reissue Oath or Declaration in the present application until a later time in the prosecution of such divisional application to obviate needing to file multiple Reissue Declarations. At such time, Applicants will submit a corrected Reissue Declaration.

Accordingly, Applicants believe all other grounds of rejection are currently moot pending prosecution of the divisional application.

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CONCLUSION

No fee is thought due in connection with the filing of this communication. However, if the Applicants are in error, please use Deposit Account 01-0885 for the payment of any fee now due.

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Respectfully submitted,



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